

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Resident Game Hunting Season, 1996-97
(LAC 76:XIX.101,103)

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 1996-97 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 1996-1997

A. Shooting Hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov 28— Feb 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct 5— Feb 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct 5— Jan 26	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 Antlered and 1 Antlerless (When Legal)	6

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Still Hunt	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct 1— Jan 31	Nov 16— Dec 1 Jan 4— Jan 19	Dec 2— Dec 8	Dec 9— Jan 3
2	Oct 1— Jan 31	Oct 26— Dec 6	Jan 6— Jan 12	Dec 7 — Jan 5
3	Oct 1— Jan 31	Oct 19— Dec 6 Dec 21— Jan 5	Jan. 6— Jan 12	
4	Oct 1— Jan 31	Nov 23— Jan 5	Jan 6— Jan 12	
5	Oct 1— Jan 31	Nov 23— Dec 1	Dec 2— Dec 8 (Bucks Only)	
6	Oct 1— Jan 31	Nov 16— Dec 1	Dec 2— Dec 8	Dec 9— Jan 19

7	Oct 1— Jan 31	Oct 19— Nov 3 Nov 16— Dec 1	Dec 2— Dec 8	Dec 14— Jan 19
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Public hearings will be held at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from April through July. Additionally, interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until May 20, 1996 to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898.

Glynn Carver
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**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Hunting of Resident Game**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

Establishment of hunting regulations is an annual process. The cost of implementing the proposed rules, aside from staff time, is the production of the regulation pamphlet. Cost of printing the 1995-96 pamphlet was \$14,800 and no major increase in expenditures is anticipated.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

Projected hunting license fee collections for FY 95-96 will be approximately 4.5-5.0 million dollars. Additionally hunting and related activities generates approximately \$13 million in states sales tax and 3.5 million in state income tax (Southwick and Assoc., 1991). Failure to adopt rule changes would result in no hunting season being established and a potential loss of these revenues.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

Hunting in Louisiana generates in excess of \$629,166,000 annually through the sale of outdoor related equipment, associated items and other economic benefits. Figures are based on the national surveys by Southwick and Associates for the IAFWA.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

Hunting in Louisiana provides 9,370 jobs (Southwick and Assoc., 1991). Not establishing hunting seasons might have a negative and direct impact on these positions.

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